

Claims

1. A block comprising:
 - a hollow, light transmissive cavity; and
 - an internal coating inside said cavity.
- 5 2. A block in accordance with claim 1 wherein said cavity is translucent.
3. A block in accordance with claim 2 wherein said internal coating is colored.
4. A block in accordance with claim 3 wherein said internal coating is permanently bonded.
- 10 5. An internally colored block of glass-like material comprising:
 - a hollow light transmissive cavity; and
 - an internal coating inside said cavity.
6. The block of claim 5 wherein said glass-like material is glass .
7. The block of claim 6 wherein said cavity is translucent.
- 15 8. The block of claim 7 wherein said internal coating is colored.
9. The block of claim 8 wherein said internal coating is permanently bonded.
10. A hollow glass block having an internal coating inside.
11. A block as in claim 10 further characterized in that said internal
20 coating is colored.

12. A block as in claim 11 further characterized in that said coating is permanently bonded.

13. A method for internally coloring a hollow glass-like block having an interior cavity comprising the steps of:

drilling at least one hole in at least one corner side wall of said block;

removing any residue caused by said drilling from said interior cavity of said

5 block;

introducing a coloring agent material into said interior cavity of said block through said at least one hole;

temporarily sealing said at least one hole so as to retain said coloring agent material within said interior cavity;

10 rotating said block in such manner as to coat its entire interior cavity with said coloring agent material;

removing said temporary sealing so as to expel any excess coloring agent material from said interior cavity;

expelling said excess coloring agent material from said cavity so as to leave
15 a permanent interior coating therein;

allowing said coating material to dry;

permanently sealing said at least one hole.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein said drilling at least one hole is accomplished by the step of drilling one hole each in diametrically opposite corner
20 side walls of said block.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein said removing any residue caused by said drilling from said interior cavity of said block is accomplished by the steps of:

rinsing with a liquid; and

25 drying.

16. The method of claim 13 wherein the step of expelling said excess coloring agent material from said cavity so as to leave a permanent interior coating therein is accomplished by the step of draining.
17. The method of claim 13 wherein the step of permanently sealing said at least one hole is accomplished by the step of filling said at least one hole with silicone.
18. The method of claim 14 wherein the step of permanently sealing said at least one hole is accomplished by sealing said one hole each in diametrically opposite corner side walls of said block.
- 10 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the step of sealing said one hole each in diametrically opposite corner side walls of said block is accomplished by filling said one hole each with silicone.

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